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FOR CINCLANT: INFO CINCINORAD (ATTN B/GEN STOCKING), OPCEN  
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REF CINCLANT 060831Z

1. IN VIEW CURRENT CUBAN SITUATION IT APPEARS PROBABLE  
THAT TEMPO OF NIMBUS OPERATIONS WILL MATERIALLY INCREASE.  
CUBAN AIR DEFENSE POTENTIAL HAS IMPROVED TO THE POINT WHERE THE  
POSSIBILITY OF SHOOT DOWN OR DAMAGE TO NIMBUS AIRCRAFT CAN  
NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED AS REMOTE.

2. HIGHEST AUTHORITY HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL NECESSARY  
PRECAUTIONS BE TAKEN TO ASSURE THAT NIMBUS PILOT WILL NOT FALL  
INTO CUBAN HANDS IN EVENT THAT HE LANDS OR PARACHUTES INTO  
WATERS ADJACENT TO CUBA. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN GROUP 1

EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC  
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NATS WILL PROVIDE TWO OR MORE AIRBORNE SA-16 ASR AIRCRAFT ON DESIGNATED ORBITS DURING PORTIONS OF NIMBUS OPERATIONS. IT IS REQUIRED THAT FIGHTER AIRCRAFT BE ALERTED TO PROVIDE COVER FOR DOWNED PILOT DURING RESCUE OPERATIONS, AND FOR ASR AIRCRAFT DURING ORBIT IF NECESSARY.

4. CONSIDER THAT UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES AIRCRAFT COULD BE ON STRIP ALERT AT NAS KEY WEST AND NAS GUANTANAMO. ALTHOUGH YOU MAY FEEL THAT AIRBORNE PATROLS ARE REQUIRED DURING OVERFLIGHTS OF AREAS REMOTE FROM EITHER BASE. ALERT SHOULD CONTINUE THROUGHOUT PERIOD NIMBUS AIRCRAFT IS OVERFLYING CUBAN TERRITORY. PRESENT PLANNING ENVISAGES THAT DURATION OF OVERFLIGHT WILL BE NO MORE THAN ONE AND ONE HALF (1.5) HOURS. IN EVENT ALERT AIRCRAFT ARE LAUNCHED ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR STANDBY ALERT. FROM CONSIDERATIONS OF PARACHUTE DESCENT TIME AND POSITIONING OF ASR AIRCRAFT ESTIMATE MAXIMUM TIME FROM INITIATION TO COMPLETION OF RESCUE WILL BE NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) HOURS.

5. FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED YOU DIRECTLY  
25X1A BY OPREP [REDACTED]

- A. EMERGENCY PROCEDURE TO BE EMPLOYED BY NIMBUS PILOT.
- B. PERIOD OF VULNERABILITY AND TRACKS OF NIMBUS AIRCRAFT.
- C. TRACKS, ON STATION TIMES, AND ORBIT AREAS OF ASR

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AIRCRAFT.

D. COMMUNICATION FREQUENCIES BETWEEN NIMBUS PILOT AND GROUND STATIONS, ASR AIRCRAFT FREQUENCIES, ETC.

5. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR CUBA CONTAINED IN JCS 2084/80 APPLY FOR THE PRESENT SUBJECT TO OVERRIDING REQUIREMENT TO FULFILL MISSION SET FORTH FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE.

6. REQUEST YOU TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED FIGHTER PROTECTION WHICH SUPPLEMENTS THAT SPECIFIED IN REFERENCE. ARRANGEMENTS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON AN URGENT BASIS. EFFECT COORDINATION WITH CINCNORAD AS NECESSARY.

END OF MESSAGE

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